

**Nord PTO Board Meeting Minutes September 9, 2021
Walter G. Nord School**

Meeting came to order @ 6:04

Motion to except minutes from last meeting: 1st -Darcie Parsons, 2nd -Jessica Glowacki

President Report: Amanda Messer (asmesser3@gmail.com; 419-509-6564)

- ❖ Welcome and Introductions
- ❖ Update to Nord PTO section on district website (contact, upload schedule for minutes)

Principal: Ms. Jiovanazzo

- ❖ Camp Fitch - Have been in close contact with camp and LCPH about protocols. Approx 234/300 kids planning to go to camp this year. Have had some very generous parents donating scholarships. Getting chaperones set up. Trying to keep campers with their "teams." Nord PTO has scholarships for the 6th graders in need.
- ❖ Good energy so far this year. Took some time to get to know the kids coming back from last year/eCampus and get reacclimatized - first 7 days. This has been the first week of curriculum.
- ❖ New math program is called Bridges. Teachers are excited about it. The vocabulary/terminology is different so all are getting used to that. Other districts have seen a lot of success with Bridges during their first year.
- ❖ Tomorrow will be remembrance for the 20th anniversary of 9/11. 300 Flags will be hung. Teachers will take moment to tell about where they were on that day.

Teacher Report:

- ❖ PBIS - Tomorrow the PBIS store opens up. Looking for people to volunteer filling orders and packing up the items. Can use several volunteers, Jill has a sign up genius for it.

Treasurer Report: Darcie Parsons (nordptotreasurer@gmail.com; 440-667-5202)

- ❖ Bank Balance - Budget is currently balanced . Currently we have \$2269.99. Columbus field trip has added a line. All is updated.
- ❖ Quickbook Balance-
- ❖ Outstanding Balance –

Membership: Darcie Parsons (nordptotreasurer@gmail.com; 440-667-5202)

- Number of paid members -Darcie will check on membership numbers. Deadline for registration to volunteer in classes is 9/13. \$641 in cash has been brought in so far, and that includes the raffle at Open House.
- Grade level or class with the most memberships

Marco's Pizza Fundraiser: Darcie Parsons (nordptotreasurer@gmail.com; 440-667-5202)

- Marcos - brought in \$29.37 and the winning class was Mr Agostinelli.
- They will print 620 flyers for us to pass out to the students for October.
- ❖ First Wednesday of each month
- ❖ Future Dates: 10/6, 11/3, 12/1, 1/5, 2/2, 3/2, 4/6, 5/4

Wizards Game Fundraiser:

- Possibly held in December.
- Powers will combine with Nord for The Wizards fundraiser if we tell them specifically what we want on the playground: Slide and update flooring, etc. (King's court/9 ball in the air).
- We got a grant for playground equipment (climbing/fitness) to replace a couple older items.

Santa's secret shop Fundraiser:

-Chair person? Nord Only fundraiser. Using a company. Open to the public, with sign up times to shop. Refreshments in here for parents.

— Rotary possibly doing Santa's secret shop December 3rd after Miracle on Main. We will hold off this year.

Budget approved: 1st - Amanda Beres, 2nd - Jessica Glowacki

Apparel Sale: Jen Denn (dennjennifer@gmail.com) 440-309-5321

- ❖ September 7-24, 2021
- ❖ Posted on social media. There are children's sizes available. The total will be split between the 3 PTO's.
- ❖ Nord had it's own Nord specific apparel sale that matches the staff shirts.

Reading Club: Amanda Messer (asmesser3@gmail.com; 419-509-6564)

- ❖ September calendars were sent out; have ELA teachers distributed?
- ❖ Format will be the same as last year
- ❖ Sent out the Sept calendars. Prizes have been ordered- they are Halloween themed pencils. Rules: the kids read 15min per night and it gets initialed, then it gets turned into their ELA teacher at the end of the month and gets small prize.

Staff Appreciation: Kimi Allen (kimiallen514@gmail.com)

- ❖ Teachers' Lounge
- ❖ Woot Woot cart schedule
- ❖ Christmas gift
- ❖ October 6th & 14th are conference meals. There's a Sign-up Genius for drinks and individually wrapped or store bought desserts and paper products to be donated.
- ❖ In the past popular meals have been, Jimmy Johns, paprikash, or salads.
- ❖ Asking Romeo's owner, Mike, about one conference night. Needs meals for 50 teachers.
- ❖ September we are restocking the coffee and tea in the lounge.
- ❖ November will be Woot Woot cart with little "Thanksgiving" pies.

PBIS Amanda Beres (arc1681@aol.com; 330-354-7157)

Community Support: Amanda Beres (arc1681@aol.com; 330-354-7157)

- ❖ Talked to Mr Stevens and Mrs Simonson - need bulk candy for lunch trivia.
- And asked if we could purchase some \$5-10 gift cards for teacher incentives. Ideas are: Your Deli, Target, Dunkin, Olde Towne, Quiznos, Panera, Jimmy's, Starbucks, Romeo's
- Also hoping for some "experience" tickets and gift cards for student prizes. Ideas are: Park Lanes, Amherst cinema, Sugar Buzz, etc.
- Get parents to sign up to work the store (Monday, Wednesday, Friday)
- Possibly partner with Powers and the Amherst Animal Shelter or other animal place for community support.
- Possibly doing something around Thanksgiving something for first responders.
- Around Christmas do something for people who live in assisted living and nursing homes, like cards or pictures.

Homecoming:

❖ Friday September 24

- ❖ Probably not doing floats this year in the parade, but we could do a banner and anyone who wants to walk behind it can participate. Bring candy to throw. Wear Amherst gear. Create a

Google form to sign up to send your kids to walk in the parade. Will need to know the start time, drop off and pick up locations.

- ❖ May need to get the banner made. Checking with Prolmage, Dawn Karnak, and DownTown Direct for pricing. Sizing 3ft by 6ft. Also checking the PTO closet for previously used banner.
- ❖ Make sure to tell people that they need to purchase Football tickets online ahead of time. No more sales at the gate.

Book Fair: Amanda Messer (asmesser3@gmail.com; 419-509-6564)

❖ October 5-7, 2021

- ❖ During the day- Just a preview? During the evening only? Same night as conferences? Front lobby set up. Make a sign up to see if we can get volunteers to sign up to work Book Fair. Possibly offer a deal for free books for the volunteers.
- ❖ Parent's have the option to sign up for Zoom conferences.
- ❖ Company is Scholastic. (No trinkets. Just the cases of books.)
- ❖ E-wallet (parents, school or PTO wallet for needy students) Parents see how much things cost in the flyer and online, then they can put money in an e-wallet for the kids to spend. It carries over and doesn't expire.
- ❖ Free choice gift
- ❖ Pre-sale book

Committee/Chairperson Openings:

- ❖ Walk-a-thon/Kona Ice Jessica Glowacki
- ❖ Cleveland Monsters Kelly Dupasky (all district fundraiser but Nord will manage it)
- ❖ Homecoming - Amanda Messer
- ❖ Social Events - No dances this year
- ❖ Right to Read Week (in May) - Morgan Wachholz & Kelly Dupaski

Future Meeting Dates:

- ❖ Every second Thursday of the month at 6pm in the Nord cafeteria or via Zoom (Meeting ID: 270 191 1225)
- ❖ **Updated October date - 10/21, 11/11, 12/9, 1/13, 2/10, 3/10, 4/14, 5/12**

COMMITTEES/CHAIRPERSONS

- Community Fundraising: Darcie Parsons (nordptotreasurer@gmail.com) 440-667-5202
- Apparel Sales: Jen Denn (dennjennifer@gmail.com) 440-309-5321
- Book Fair: Amanda Messer (nordpto1@gmail.com) 440-509-6564
- Walk-a-thon/ Kona Ice:
- Cleveland Monsters: (Mid February) *** Jen Lamoreaux?
- Community Support Initiative: Amanda Beres (arc1681@aol.com) 330-354-7157
- Field Day: Morgan Wachholz (morgan.wachholz@gmail.com) 440-225-8948
- Homecoming: Amanda Messer
- Staff Appreciation: Kimi Allen (kimiallen514@gmail.com)
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- Social Media: Sarah Kucbel (sarahkucbel@gmail.com)
- Reading Club: Amanda Messer (nordpto1@gmail.com)
- Marcos: Darcie Parsons (nordptotreasurer@gmail.com)
- PBIS: Amanda Beres (arc1681@aol.com)
- Right to Read Week: 2021-2022 - Morgan Wachholz and Kelly Dupaski

Board Members:

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Meeting adjourned: 1st - Darcie Parsons, 2nd - Morgan Wachholz

Meeting adjourned @ 7:07pm